

THE PRINCE'S WRAITH.

An Apparition Whose Coming Was a Sign of Death.

King Gustavus IV, of Sweden, who reigned in the early part of the last century, was taking supper one evening with the Prince of Baden and others, among them a Count Lowenhjelm. Suddenly, halfway through the supper, the king let drop his knife and fork and, turning to Lowenhjelm, said, "Look! Don't you see?" at the same time gazing across the table. No one understood what he meant, so he dropped the subject. Later, after the Prince of Baden had departed, the king said to his companions: "When I asked you whether you saw anything, I had myself distinctly seen the double, or wraith, of the Prince of Baden enter the room and passing round the table, place itself behind that prince's chair, where it quickly faded away and vanished. You know," added the king, "the terrible import attached in our country to such apparitions, and, having given you the key to what you may well have thought unaccountable conduct on my part, I now request you to keep strictly to yourselves what I have imparted to you." The following evening and at the same hour, according to Count Lowenhjelm, while the court was seated as usual at supper, the clatter of horse's hoofs was heard in the palace quadrangle, and a courier was speedily announced, who brought tidings of a disastrous carriage accident in which the Prince of Baden had lost his life.

CALIFORNIA'S CHARM.

How the Visitor From the East Finally Capitulates.

You will not find everything in southern California. You will miss the wide stretches of green in the open places, far removed from the dusty cities, the noble trees, the clear streams of water, the blue lake nestled in among the pine clad mountains. You will miss that splendid miracle the change of the seasons, when your whole nature comes into closer touch with the great mother heart of nature than at any other time in all the year.

You will miss much. But when you have been here a year, when month after month of rare and beautiful weather blend into each other, when the sea woos you and the flowers charm you and the brown mountains beckon you and the soft air soothes you, after a year has passed you find there are some compensations for the lovely things you have left behind you. You come to realize that nature has done more for this stretch of sea and mountain girt land than she has done for any other spot on the globe.

You may have been charmed with California when you came; you may have been captivated after you had been here a year, you may capitulate and consent to be captured by the time the two golden summers have stolen over you. —The World Today.

Hot Water.

Cold blooded people, who have little thirst, will do well to make a business of drinking a certain amount of hot water every day throughout the winter season. It lessens the tendency to take cold, improves the circulation and benefits coughs and insomnia.

Before going to bed is a very good time for this practice, as it warms up and relaxes the system, thus preparing the way for a good night's sleep.

Many cases of indigestion, headache, neuralgia, cold hands and feet, can be cured in half an hour by drinking slowly one or two pints of water so hot that it almost burns the throat.—Medical Brief.

Malay Poetry.

The Malays possess a poetical nature and, like the Japanese, regard the writing of poetry as an art to be aspired to by anybody. Short couplets are their delight, especially those with a little moral attached. One founded on the weather tends to comfort a person who has been badly treated: "Now it is wet, now it is fine. A day will come for retaliation." Then, again, of lovers they say, "As the owl sighs longingly for the moon." A young and pretty bride they speak of as being "like a sarong not yet unfolded," an apt illustration when one thinks of the bright colors of new sarongs.

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Steam emanating from boiling milk if condensed would become water. This may be seen in the manufacture of condensed milk, which is only ordinary milk boiled down until the water is out of it. If a liquid which contains solid bodies in solution be evaporated, the solids are left behind. That this is so may be shown by adding to water that is to be distilled a trace of magenta and a little salt. The distilled water has no taste and is colorless. The magenta is generally deposited upon the sides of the boiling vessel.

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Art Criticism.

Amateur—This is my latest attempt at a landscape. May I ask what you think of the perspective? Artist—The perspective is its strong point. The farther away you stand the better it looks.—Chicago Tribune.

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